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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 18, 2008, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

It is believed that no additional fees are required for this response. However, should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this response, or if a petition for extension of time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-0100 for any such fees, and applicants hereby petition for any needed extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.